

Chinese New Year – Year of the Dragon



Objective

- A fun and active way for pupils to celebrate Chinese New Year and to try out some phrases in Mandarin and Cantonese.



Equipment

- Enrich Interactive Orienteering Map
- Blank Interactive Control Markers
- Chinese New Year Activity Sheets.
- Smart phones / tablets



Preparation

- For this activity, the QR code on each of the **interactive markers, numbers 1 – 8**, activates a short audio file of a Chinese New Year greeting. There is a Mandarin and a Cantonese version of four different greetings.
- Prepare an interactive map to show the location of interactive markers 1 – 8.
- Place an interactive marker at each of the locations shown on the map.
- Divide the class into eight small groups.
- Provide each group with an interactive map and a different Activity Sheet.
- There are eight different Activity Sheets – for each one, there is a different order in which pupils visit the interactive markers so that each group starts and finishes at a different marker.
- Explain to pupils how to carry out the activity.



Instructions

- Each group uses their interactive map to locate the 8 interactive markers.
- They must visit the markers in the order that they appear on their Activity Sheet (ie 'top to bottom').
- At each marker, they use the QR code on the marker to activate an audio clip of a greeting associated with Chinese New Year.
- They listen to the greeting and practice saying it to each other.
- When they reach the final (bottom) marker on their activity sheet, they must practice this greeting so they can remember how to say it.
- When they return to class, each group must share their final greeting with the rest of the class, tell them what it means and tell them if it is in Mandarin or Cantonese.



Other information

Explain to pupils that Mandarin is the main Chinese Language, but that lots of people in some parts of China speak Cantonese.

